### MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, AND PARKS DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT, WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES POST OFFICE BOX 451 JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI 39205

#### PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT NUMBER W16 3472(I)

TO: The Honorable Delbert Hosemann Secretary of State Post Office Box 136 Jackson, MS 39205 AND ALL INTERESTED PERSONS

The Mississippi Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, at a meeting in Waveland, Mississippi on June 22, 2010, under authority of Section 25-43-7, Mississippi Code of 1972, made known its intent to adopt the following wildlife management area regulations for the 2010-11 hunting year. This was done under authority of Sections 49-5-13 and 49-7-31, Mississippi Code of 1972.

Be it ordered that Public Notice Number W15 3472 is hereby repealed, and the following 2010-11 wildlife management area hunting regulations are adopted.

#### 2010-2011 Regulations for Wolf River Wildlife Management Area

Lamar and Pearl River Counties										
SPECIES	<b>OPENING</b>	CLOSING	COMMENTS							
	DATE	DATE								
DEER			For deer hunting regulations see ACCESS, BAG LIMITS,							
			DEER DATA COLLECTION, LEGAL BUCKS,							
			ANTLERLESS DEER REGULATIONS, and DOG							
			RESTRICTIONS in SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.							
Archery	Oct. 15	Nov. 19	Does and legal bucks.							
Youth Gun	Nov. 13	Nov. 19	Does and legal bucks.							
Gun	Nov. 20	Dec. 1	Does and legal bucks.							
Primitive Weapon	Dec. 2	Dec. 15	Does and legal bucks.							
Gun	Dec. 16	Jan. 19	Legal bucks only.							
Primitive Weapon	Jan. 20	Feb. 15	Legal bucks only.							
YOUTH TURKEY	Mar. 5	Mar. 11								
TURKEY	Mar. 12	May 1								
YOUTH SQUIRREL	Oct. 23	Oct. 29								
SQUIRREL	Oct. 30	Feb. 28								
RACCOON	Jul. 2	Sep. 25	Friday and Saturday nights only.							
RACCOON, OPOSSUM,	Oct. 1	Feb. 28								
& BOBCAT										
TRAPPING	Nov. 1	Feb. 28								
RABBIT	Oct. 16	Feb. 28								

# SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR WOLF RIVER WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT NUMBER <u>W16 3472(I)</u>

**WMA USER PERMIT:** All persons using this wildlife management area, except those exempt from purchasing an annual hunting or fishing license, must carry on their person an annual statewide Wildlife Management Area User Permit. This permit is required in addition to the daily visitor use permit and any required license and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold.

ACCESS: Access to the WMA is limited to the first 75 hunters.

BAG LIMITS: Same as statewide bag limits EXCEPT: DEER - Two legal bucks and two does.

**PERMIT STATIONS:** All visitors must obtain a DAILY VISITOR USE PERMIT card from the self-service permit station. Parts A and B of this permit must be legibly filled out before using the WMA. Part A of the permit must be placed on the check-in board inside the permit station before using the WMA. Part B must be displayed on the dash of the vehicle so that the name, address, and date are visible from outside the vehicle. Permits are invalid if not properly dated or if date has been changed. Before leaving the WMA, visitors must complete the reverse side of Part B of the permit and deposit Parts A and B in the return box at the permit station. It is the responsibility of the Area Manager and other Agency personnel to have permit cards completed.

**DEER DATA COLLECTION:** All deer harvested must be checked at the WMA Headquarters by the hunter who harvested them before leaving the WMA. If WMA personnel are not available to check the deer, the hunter is responsible for collecting and legibly recording ALL biological data. Instructions and equipment will be provided.

**LEGAL BUCKS:** Legal bucks are those with an inside spread of at least 12 inches OR one main beam length of at least 15 inches. For hunters less than 16 years of age, one of the two buck bag limit may be any buck.

**DOG RESTRICTIONS:** Deer hunting with dogs is prohibited. Small game hunting with dogs is allowed during any small game season. Hog hunting with dogs is allowed during daylight hours only during Feb. 16 - Mar. 4, 2011.

**LEGAL WEAPONS:** Only centerfire rifles, shotguns with slugs or buckshot, primitive weapons, and centerfire handguns may be used for deer hunting. Only rimfire rifles .22 caliber or smaller or any caliber handgun may be used when hunting hogs with dogs.

**OFF-ROAD MOTORIZED VEHICLES/ATVs:** Off-road motorized vehicles/ATVs are allowed on designated trails and for the retrieval of harvested deer or hogs only. No loaded weapon may be in possession when operating an off-road motorized vehicle/ATV on the WMA.

**HORSES:** During WMA deer and turkey seasons, horseback riding is restricted to roads open to motorized vehicles. Raccoon hunting from horses is allowed on the entire area during nighttime hours.

**CAMPING:** Camping is allowed in designated areas only (see map). A WMA Camping Permit is required for any individual or group (maximum of 6 people) that is camping on this WMA and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold. Camping is limited to 14 consecutive days. Camping equipment may not be left unattended for more than 24 hours. All camping equipment and garbage must be removed before final departure.

**BEARS:** Black bears may occur on this WMA. They are federally protected as a threatened subspecies. Hunting or disturbing bears is prohibited. Please report any bear sightings on your daily visitor use permit.

Anyone	wishing to	comment	on the	above	proposed	action may	do so	in	writing	to the	Executive	Director,	Mississippi
Departn	nent of Wild	life, Fisher	ies and	Parks,	P.O. Box	451, Jacks	on, MS	392	05, no l	ater tha	n		

## MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES & PARKS

BY:

Bryan Jones, Chairman

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